

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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RE: MUR 5199

Bush-Cheney 2000, Inc.

and David Herndon, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is in response to your letter dated August 1, 2003, requesting an extension of time, until September 8, 2003, to submit a reply to the General Counsel's Brief. After considering the circumstances in your letter, the Office of General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on September 8, 2003.

We note that the Office of General Counsel previously granted you a twenty-day extension of time to respond to the Commission's Factual and Legal Analysis, which contained arguments that are substantially identical to those set forth in the General Counsel's Brief.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Fracey L. Ligon

Attorney

Sincerely,

Although your letter states that your request is for a thirty-day extension, an extension of time until September 8, 2003, actually represents a thirty-five day extension. Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.2(c), the original due date for submitting a reply brief was August 4, 2003. September 8, 2003, is thirty-five days from that date.